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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON ARAB/ ISRAELI CONFLICT

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1. IN ABSENCE OF FONMIN KIRCHSCHLAEGER WHO IS CURRENTLY
ON LEAVE, I CALLED THIS MORNING UPON ACTING FONMIN WALTER
WODAK AND PERSONALLY DELIVERED MESSAGE FROM SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION. WODAK SAID THAT HE IS IN CONSTANT TOUCH BY TELPHONE
WITH AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO UN, PETER JANKOWITSCH, AND UNDERTOOK
TO
ADVISE JANKOWITSCH OF DELIVERY OF MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY.

2. AS PRELIMINARY REACTION, WODAK SAID WE COULD COUNT ON FIRM
AUSTRIAN STAND AGAINST TERRORISM FROM WHATEVER SOURCE. PROBLEM,
AS HE SAW IT, WAS WHAT WE ACTUALLY DO ABOUT IT IN UN SC. HE
THOUGHT MOST URGENT PRIORITY IS PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION BY
US. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE CALLED MY ATTENTION TO TACTICAL AD-
VANTAGE ENJOYED BY THOSE WHO FORMULATE RESOLUTION WHICH LATER
MUST BECOME BASIS OF COMPROMISE. SINCE HE RULED OUT ANY AUSTRIAN
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RESOLUTION, HE SUGGESTED THAT US FORMULATE ITS OWN RESOLUTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IMPLICATION WAS THAT THIS WOULD FACILITATE AUSTRIAN SUPPORT OF US POSITION.

3. IN REPLY TO DIRECT QUESTION AS TO WHETHER GOA COULD POSSIBLY VOTE FOR RESOLUTION WHICH PLACES BLAME SOLELY ON ISRAEL, WODAK EVADED A DIRECT REPLY. HE REPEATED HIS ASSURANCE THAT GOA "WANTED" TO BE ABLE TO TAKE FIRM AND EVEN-HANDED STANCE AGAINST ALL FORMS OF TERRORISM, BUT COULD NOT COMMIT ITSELF UNTIL CONCRETE RESOLUTIONS WERE BEFORE UN SC.

4. I AM VERY HOPEFUL THAT GOA WILL SUPPORT A MORE OR LESS EVEN-HANDED RESOLUTION ON BASIS OF SC RESOLUTION 242 IF US WILL TAKE INITIATIVE. HUMES UNQUOTE ROGERS

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